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Reference: Terilyn Hanko
Peninsula Health Care District

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in regards to the Peninsula Healthcare District Director, Terilyn Hanko. I have known Terilyn through my long time involvement as a member of the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC) of San Mateo County. Terilyn has been president of NWPC for the past four years and member for at least as many more years. She has worked tirelessly toward the organization goal of supporting women candidates for elected and appointed offices.

In 2000 Terilyn put her commitment into practice and chose to run as a community advocate for the Healthcare Board. She withdrew as Chair of the NWPC Endorsement Committee that year, stating when she withdrew from the Endorsement Committee, that she did so "to ensure fairness in the endorsement process (and avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest)." Taking the broadest interpretation of a controlled committee, she abstained, also, as a general Caucus member of NWPC, from voting on any of the candidates. Over the years she has encouraged many women to take our organization's well-respected campaign training, as she had done. Terilyn has been committed to following the FPPC law and did run a well executed, honest campaign with major support from local organizations and the people of the District. Even as she made the decision to run, she was sensitive to any hint of wrong doing and eagerly sought office for the best reasons of honest public service and to be the voice of the community.

I personally believe she is an honest politician who believes that "we the people" have an obligation to serve in public office. Her desire to follow FPPC law to the letter is what prompted her to voluntarily seek your advice. Please give her a positive decision so she can do the work she was elected to do.

Sincerely,



Janet Grohe